

Feral

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Boy raised by wolves, boy raised by panthers,
 boy raised by dolphins, boy raised by sequoias,
Boy raised by spirits of plant-eating dinosaurs,
 boy raised by the cave behind the waterfall,
Boy raised by clouds, boy raised by snowflakes
 every snowflake different,
Boy raised by rainbows, boy raised by stars
 that existed before this Universe
 in Universes that existed before this one,
Boy raised by a crystal embedded in bedrock
 one mile below where you stand
 or one hundred miles below
 where you stand,
Boy reared by an anaconda in the jungle
 that became his teacher and bestfriend,
Boy raised by eagles, boy raised by fireflies,
 boy raised by luna moths, boy raised by pussywillows,
Owls, gorillas – boys raised by them,
Bears, otters – boys raised by them,
Bigfoot, LochNess Monster – boys raised by them,
Boy raised by geodes, boy raised by aurora,
 boy raised by marijuana, boy brought up by mushrooms,

Boy nurtured by a huge field of fresh fallen snow
with no footprints in it in moonlight,
Boy raised by whales he never sees
whose minds a mile down in the Pacific Ocean
control his every move,
Boy suckled by volcanoes,
Boy raised by hurricanes and earthquakes,
tornado-raised boys,
boy raised by echoes from sea-shells,
Boy raised by undiscovered pyramid on the Moon,
Boy raised by reflection of Mount Everest
upsidedown in a dewdrop,
Boy raised by being able to tell
what kind of tree
by smelling its bark in the dark.